



We believe in the rights of all children, everywhere and that they should be valued, protected and met by all.

We exist to make this the reality for children in northern Ghana, where more than half of all families live in poverty and need our support to give their children the protection, health and education they need to escape poverty for good.

Our work is entirely led by local staff with a simple approach of listening to their communities and empowering them to make sustainable changes themselves.



Our work in:

Education

Projects under our Education Programme tackle the barriers which keep children out of school, improve the quality of teaching and school systems and promote the importance of education within local communities.

Programme Goal

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote learning opportunities for children and young adults

Programme Objectives

Access

Increase the number of children who access Basic Education, with a particular focus on the most marginalised groups including girls and children with special needs

Quality

Improve the quality of public Basic Education

Retention

Increase the number of children who complete Basic Education by addressing the root causes of children dropping out of school

Progression

Increase the number of young people who progress to further education to improve their livelihood prospects

What we do

Tackle barriers which keep children out of school

By far the main reason for children not being in school in northern Ghana is poverty and the knock-on pressures this creates - for children to work, for girls to marry young and for children to sacrifice their education in order to survive. We help remove this pressure by helping families lift themselves out of poverty with small loans and training to grow their own small businesses and become financially secure. We also remove the extra barriers girls and children with disabilities face, by tackling child marriage, improving school sanitation and making schools more inclusive and accessible. Beyond Basic Education, we help children from poorer backgrounds progress to senior and higher education with bursaries and student loans.

Improve the quality of teaching and school systems

Working with Ghana Education Services and other key partners, we are helping ensure a quality Basic Education for all children. This is being done through specialist training for teachers in early years education; phonics (helping children learn to read better through letter sounds); and making the classroom more inclusive for children with disabilities and extra needs. We also support parent and community committees to hold schools to account and demand more investment from their government.

Educate children and local communities on the importance of education

Through AfriKids' extensive network and trusted local reputation, we promote education and show families how vitally important it is that all children are educated in order to break the cycle of poverty and for their communities to see the socio-economic development they need. We encourage parents and community members to take up responsibilities like campaigning for education and sitting on governance committees by giving them the knowledge, voice and confidence they need to lead the campaign for universal education themselves.